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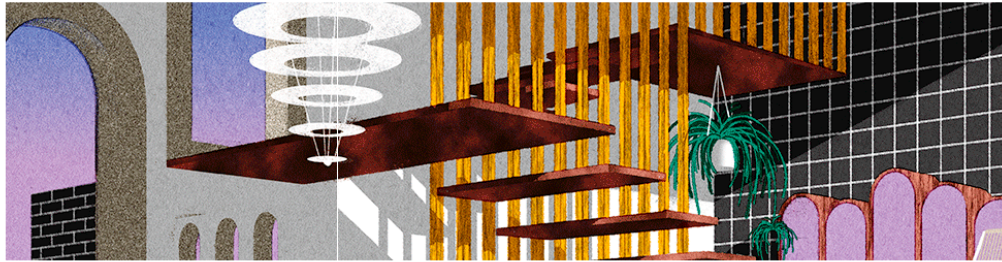
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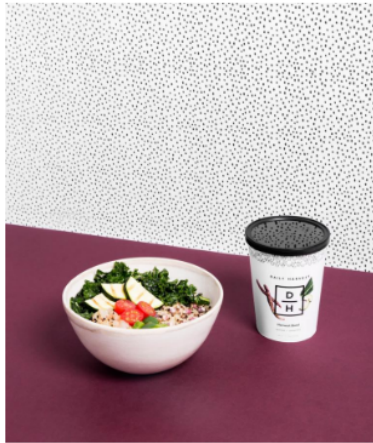
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Marco Boscarino's natural amplifier sculpts sound

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While studying industrial design in Italy, Marco Boscarino was struck by local, traditional stone-based production methods and architecture. Combining these influences, he produced the Sonus, a limestone *object d'art*, which doubles as a smartphone amplifier. The piece uses limestone's reflective capabilities to amplify audio without the need to plug in – simply pop your smartphone in the crevasse at the top (*sans* messy cables) and press play. Its conical shape, openings and reflective dish provide 360-degree audio at an easy-listening volume. The result is an attractive package, combining Italian sculptural influences with a unique auditory experience.

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